

TOWN OF BALDWIN
Monthly Board Meeting
February 6, 2025
2399-90th Ave., Baldwin, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman Douglas Veenendall. Roll call, Supervisors Don L. Johnson & Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer Tammie Curtis and Clerk James Harer.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda moving non-action information only Items A & B next. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried.

Others: There were 34 signed in attendees. Sign-in list kept with meeting minutes.

Brian Smestad candidate for St. Croix County Circuit Judge introduced himself and gave his background as Deputy District Attorney for St. Croix County, 27 years of legal experience in handling homicide trials as a prosecutor and defender. He stated that he is also endorsed by District Attorney Karl Anderson. He ended by thanking us for our time and urged everyone to vote in the February 18th primary election.

Next up was Xcel Energy Regional Vice President Brian Elwood who gave a overview of the proposed Ten Mile Creek Solar Project. (Presentation packet is kept with minutes log) There were some 39 people in attendance, both town residents and non-residents, they heard his project review. He repeatedly stressed that Xcel is always looking for the most cost effective, reliable and safe alternatives for furnishing electricity to residential, commercial and industrial customers. Afterwards he did field questions from the board and those in attendance. He was thanked for the information.

The agenda was properly noticed at the town hall, collection center and town website. A curtesy notice was sent to the Baldwin Bulletin.

The January board meeting minutes were read. Motion by Don L. Johnson to approve as read. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

The February bank statement and town accounts were reconciled. After reviewing the vendor checks a motion was made by Joseph Kusilek to approve check numbers 12271-12299 for the amount of \$15,859.10. (This does not include the February tax settlement since figures have been determined yet.) Second, by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

The 2025 town hall mowing proposal was submitted by Green Touch Lawn. Mowing was stated as \$68/mowing, and a onetime spring application of weed control and fertilizer was \$200. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to approve both items. Second, by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Waste Management has requested the town to exempt them from spring axle weight restrictions for 11 dumpsters picked up on Wednesday but no specific route or which Wednesday was specified.

Motion by Don L. Johnson to deny the request by Waste Management for an axle weight exemption for garbage pickup. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek. Carried by voice vote.

Motion by Joseph Kusilek to hold the town spring cleanup day on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 8-noon. Second, by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

2025 Road work. Mill/paving will be 110th Ave., from 260th St.-CTH D at a depth of 2.5 inches and to match the matt with the existing width since a section of road will have to be raised to prevent a culvert bump. Also discussed was a surface treatment for 80th Ave. from 220th-250th St.

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Motion by Douglas Veenendall to approve a cost sharing crack fill, seal coat and fog seal project with the Town of Eau Galle on 60th Ave., from CTH B-270th St. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried by voice vote.

Zoning update: There was one building permit issued by All-Croix Inspection during January for a home addition. The county has issued a citation for zoning and sanitary permit violations against the Amish schoolhouse on 240th Street.

The chairman updated the board on United Fire and Rescue activities.

Don L. Johnson moved to confirm the Open Book date offered by the town assessor for Monday, April 14th from 6-8 PM. Seconded, by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve Resolution #2025-2-6 which adopts the towns fee schedule from February 1, 2025, until January 31, 2026, or until otherwise acted upon. Seconded by Joseph Kusilek, carried by voice vote. (Copy of resolution kept with minutes and resolution file.)

A sample solar energy ordinance from eastern Wisconsin was presented. Motion by Joseph Kusilek to hold a joint board and Planning Commission meeting on March 6th, 2025 at the town hall starting at 6 PM for the purpose of discussing solar panel control options as well as the sample ordinance. Seconded by Don L. Johnson. Carried by voice vote.

There were no correspondences. Public comments continued about solar panels and questions about a substations off CTH DD.

Future agenda items: road work, solar ordinance, zoning/permits.

The date of March 6th was set with the joint meeting date.

The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

(Minutes were approved and signed below at the March 6, 2025 meeting)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk